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SUBJ: SECRETARY'S TRIP TO MIDDLE EAST

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1. FOLLOWING WHITE HOUSE ANNOUNCEMENT OF SECRETARY'S VISIT TO MIDDLE EAST, I HAVE ASKED FOR MEETING WITH FAHMY TO DETERMINE GOE'S THOUGHTS ON HOW IT WOULD LIKE VISIT TO BE HANDLED. FAHMY IS ENGAGED IN PROTRACTED CABINET MEETING TODAY AND WILL PROBABLY NOT BE ABLE TO SEE ME UNTIL TOMORROW. AS SOON AS I HAVE EGYPTIAN IDEAS, I WILL SUBMIT TENTATIVE SCHEDULE AS REQUESTED.

2. IN ARRANGING SCHEDULE, I WILL BEAR IN MIND POINTS MADE REF A. SHOULD BE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT SOME MODIFICATIONS MAY BE NECESSARY ON CAIRO STOP. I GATHER SECRETARY'S ETA WILL BE 1100 ON FEB 17. SINCE IT TAKES ABOUT 45 MINUTES TO GET FROM AIRPORT TO CHANCERY, DESIRED MEETING WITH AMB AND KEY COUNTRY TEAM MEMBERS WILL HAVE TO BE SCHEDULED TO BEGIN BETWEEN 1145 AND 1200. THEREAFTER, WE WILL HAVE TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER SADAT WANTS TO SCHEDULE MEETING AT, SAY, 1230 OR 1300 (AND PRESUMABLY PROVIDE LUNCH) OR WHETHER THE PRESIDENT PREFERS FAHMY TO DO SO. AS
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DEPT AWARE, EGYPTIANS DO NOT NORMALLY WORK BEYOND 1400 AND SADAT, ON DOCTOR'S ADVICE, USUALLY NAPS IN LATTER PART OF AFTERNOON. I WOULD ALSO EXPECT MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT THAT EVENING, WHETHER IT BE INITIAL MEETING WITH HIM OR A RESUMED ONE. MOREOVER, SINCE I GATHER WHEELS UP WILL BE AT 1100, FEBRUARY 18, SECRETARY WILL HAVE TO LEAVE HOTEL

AT APPROXIMATELY 1015. SADAT DOES NOT NORMALLY RISE MUCH BEFORE 1000. HENCE, UNLESS EGYPTIANS HAVE SOME OTHER IDEAS, PROPOSE DEVOTING MORNING OF FEBRUARY 18 TO DESIRED TALK WITH EMBASSY STAFF AND PERHAPS BRIEF MEETING WITH FAHMY.

3. MFA CHIEF OF PROTOCOL, SAID HAMZA, WHO HAD BEEN INFORMED OF VISIT BY FAHMY, ASKED THIS MORNING HOW MANY PEOPLE WILL ACCOMPANY THE SECRETARY. HE NEEDS THIS INFORMATION URGENTLY TO RESERVE NECESSARY NUMBER OF ROOMS AT THE HILTON. I TOLD HIM I DID NOT YET KNOW, BUT HOPED TO HAVE THIS INFO SOON. IN MEANTIME, I SUGGESTED (BASED ON PREVIOUS VISITS BY SECRETARY OF STATE), THAT IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF HE RESERVED AN ENTIRE FLOOR AT HILTON. WE WILL HAVE TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER GOE IS AGREEABLE TO SECRETARY STAYING AT HILTON OR, FOR SECURITY REASONS, WOULD PREFER TO HOUSE HIM IN TAHRA PALACE WHERE SECRETARY KISSINGER USUALLY STAYED.

4. FOR PLANNING PURPOSES WOULD BE HELPFUL HAVE ASAP (A) APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN SECRETARY'S PARTY AND (B) INDICATION OF SECRETARY'S PRINCIPAL AIDES (INCLUDING PROTOCOL ORDER) WHO SHOULD BE INVITED TO WORKING FUNCTIONS GIVEN BY THE PRESIDENT OR FAHMY. ALSO, WILL MRS. VANCE OR OTHER WIVES BE WITH PARTY? SHOULD BE BORNE IN MIND THAT BOTH THE PRESIDENT AND THE FAHMY HOMES CAN ONLY ACCOMMODATE ABOUT TWELVE PERSONS. HENCE, NUMBER OF ATTENDEES SHOULD BE LIMITED. CONFIDENTIAL

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5. WOULD ALSO BE HELPFUL HAVE SOONEST SOME INDICATION NUMBER OF PRESSMEN WHO WILL ACCOMPANY PARTY. EILTS

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